Rough Country RC84050.35 Installation Instructions

Soft Top in Black Denim for Jeep Wrangler (1987-1995)

Part number: RC84050.35

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87-95 Jeep® YJ Wrangler Soft Top Installation Instructions

Congratulations on your purchase of a Rough Country Soft Top. Check the kit hardware against the parts list. Confirm the correct model was ordered and received. A general knowledge of soft tops is useful and an understanding of top removal on the Jeep is required. Also please review the tools needed list and make sure you have needed tools.

Before you begin installing this top please read through the instructions to get a general knowledge of how the soft tops are installed. **Installers Tip:** It is recommended to install the top when the fabric has been resting in temperatures above 75° F. Colder temperatures will shrink the components. Do not use a knife to open the box and lay the top components out to warm. Allowing the top components to warm will greatly ease the installation process.

Parts List:
Fabric Top - Qty 1
Quarter Window, Right - Qty 1
Quarter Window Left - Qty 1
Rear Window - Qty 1
Upper Door Skin, Right - Qty 1
Upper Door Skin, Left - Qty 1

Required Tools:
Safety Glasses
Shoe Horn or Large Spoon
Razor Knife
Phillips Head Screw Driver

IMPORTANT: You must have factory original style hardware for this fabric top

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Remove your Existing Top:

1. Allow the vehicle to warm in the sun prior to removal of top. This will ease removal. Put on Safety Glasses.
2. Park the vehicle on a level surface and apply the e-brake.
3. Unzip and remove the rear window and the two quarter windows.
4. Next remove the top from each rear corner by pulling down to release the fabric from the corner track retainers.
5. Unsnap the fabric from the rear bow and the center bow of the jeep.
6. Unhook the front of the top from the windshield Channel
7. With the top removed, release the two rear spreader bars

Review your Windshield Channel:



Make sure your windshield channel is secured and not loose. The channel must maintain its 90 degree angle for it to work properly. Over time the windshield channel holes where the screws are located can rust out causing the channel to come loose. If this is the case you will need to replace your existing channel or replace existing screws with slightly larger screws.

Soft Top Installation:



1. Place the soft top fabric on the top of the hardware system. The plastic header should be facing forward and the two rear corners should be facing down.



Photo2



Photo 2



Photo 3

2. Attach New Fabric to Bows. Locate the front and rear snap straps and snap each to the front and rear bows securing the top to the hardware system. (Photo2)
3. Insert the front plastic windshield retainer strip sewn along the front of the top into the Windshield Channel front slot. Do not catch any fabric in the channel. While installing, make sure the top is centered side to side in the channel so that there is an equal distance from the center of the windshield.(Photo 2)
4. Push the front bow assembly all the way forward into the notch found on the side belt rail. (Photo 3)
5. With the rear bow not completely engaged, install rear corners into the corner belt rails ensuring the clear/white plastic reinforcement are not hooked into the railing. Line up edge of the plastic strip with the edge of the retainer. Repeat on other side.



Photo 4



Photo 5



Photo 6

6. Push the bottom of the rear bow back towards the rear of the vehicle until it snaps into place. Make sure the fabric rear corners are still engaged. Note: the first time this is done it will be very tight. (Photo 4)
7. With the rear bows secured, push up on the spreader bars until they lock into place. Make sure when pushing up on the spreader bars that you go straight up and not up and ”in” while pushing. Pushing inwards will damage your spreader bars. (Photos 5 & 6)



Photo 7



Photo 8

8. Release the spreader bars. Line up and attach the top and side zippers on the side curtains approximately 2-3 inches. Note that the side zipper may not line up with the corner fabric unless you slide the corner fabric around in the belt rail towards the front of the vehicle. Once the side zipper is attached and zipped up 2-3 inches, you can slide the corner back around towards the rear of the vehicle and line up the black plastic strip with the edge of the retainer. (Photo 7)
9. Insert Side Curtains into Vertical Door Surround Retainer. With the top and side zippers still only partially closed 2-3”, slip the plastic strip on the front of the side curtain into the retainer channel on the vertical support bow. (Photo 8)l
10. While pulling down, slip the side curtain bottom retaining channel into the body belt rail starting from one end and pressing down to the other.
11. Completely zip up side curtain Zippers, re-engage spreader bars and then completely zip top side curtain zipper. Repeat steps 8 through 10 on the other side of the vehicle.



Photo 9

12. Attach the Top Zipper on the rear curtain to the top. .Zip across 3-6” only. Attach both side zippers on the rear curtain to the top zipping them down about 3-6”. (Photo 9)



Photo 10



Photo 11

13. Install Tailgate Retainer. With the rear curtain loosely installed, open the tail gate and slide the rear curtain retainer onto the bottom of the rear curtain. (Photo 10)
14. With the rear curtain attached, “roll” the rear tailgate bar into the two rear tailgate retainers.
15. Once engaged into the retainers, slip the rear curtain plastic retainers into the bottom of the tailgate retainer channel. (Photo 11)
16. Zip the rear curtain top and two side zippers closed.
17. Fasten snaps on top to the over door sliding studs on hardware. Snaps should easily slide to match snap locations on the top.

The Soft top portion of the installation is now complete.

Door Skin Installation:

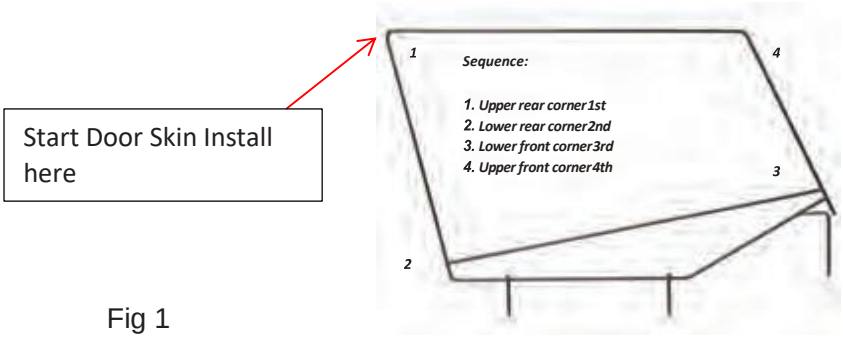


Fig 1

1. Lay a large towel on the ground and place the upper door skin on the towel to prevent scratching. Un-zip the door skin window and un-due all hook and loop fasteners on the door skin. IMPORTANT: See Fig 1 for the installation sequence on installing the door skin to the door frame. Place the metal frame gently into the top upper rear corner “pocket”.



Photo 12



Photo 13



Photo 14

2. Start by working the upper rear corner of the door frame into the pocket of the cover. Then work the lower rear corner of the frame into the cover. Work the bottom front corner of the frame into the cover. NOTE: the frame should fit in-between the hook and loop flaps, not between the zipper and the flaps. Lastly, work the upper front corner of the frame into the corner of the door cover. (See Photo’s 12-14)



Photo 15

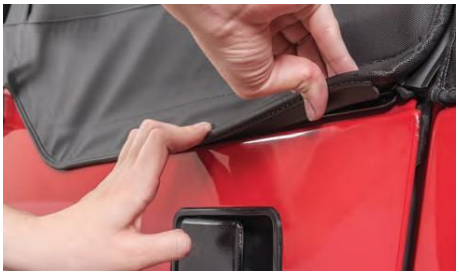


Photo 16

3. With all four corners inserted into the fabric pockets, secure the final hook and loop strip above the door pins. Note that this will take some pulling and will over time loosen up making it easier to install. Repeat all steps for the opposite side door. (Photo 15)
4. Install upper doors to hard half doors. Insert the pins into the door grommets in the lower hard half doors. Note that for the doors to work properly the door grommets must be undamaged and in place. Snap the front snap on the front of the door to the snap stud on the hard half door. Work the plastic retaining strip into the door rail to secure the upper door to the hard half door. (Photo 16)

Maintenance Tips

Washing: The fabric should be washed often using soap, warm water and a soft bristle brush. Rinse with clear water to remove all traces of soap.

Zippers: Keeping the zipper cleaned and lubricated with a silicone lubricant will help prevent damage and keep the zippers in a smooth working condition. If a zipper opens behind the slider, the slider may have been spread apart. This problem can usually be repaired by using an ordinary pair of pliers to bring the sides back into parallel. Return slider to the end of the zipper in the normal Open position. Squeeze lightly at first and test the zipper. If the zipper continues to remain open squeeze more firm with the pliers and try the zipper again. Repeat this procedure until the zipper operates correctly.

Snaps: Keep snaps cleaned and lubricated with silicone to help prevent snaps from sticking to the studs. If a snap does become stuck to a stud, use a screwdriver and GENTLY pry apart to prevent permanent damage to the snap or the top fabric.

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